

REMARKS

Claims 1-7 remain in the application and claims 1 and 5 have been amended hereby.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the rejection of claims 1-3 and 5-7 under 35 USC 102(b), as being anticipated by Reeder.

A feature of the present invention is a removable storage medium (4 in Fig. 2) for storing a software program (11 in Fig. 1) and an individual identification code.

Other features of the present invention are a user terminal (3 in Fig. 2) for installing the removable storage medium (4 in Fig. 2) therein and for accessing the software program stored in the removable storage medium when a search of a remote database (2 in Fig. 2) including usage limitations (54 in Fig. 1) is searched and authorization is provided.

Independent claims 1 and 5 have been amended to emphasize these features of the present invention.

Looking at Reeder we see that there is no removable storage medium for storing a software program and an ID code and a user terminal for installing the removable storage medium therein, wherein the user terminal accesses the software program stored in the removable storage medium when a search of a remote database including usage limitations is searched and authorization is

provided. Reader's storage medium (150 in Fig. 1) is clearly a built-in hard disk and not a removable storage medium. See page 4, line 4 of Reeder, for example.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that amended independent claims 1 and 5, and the claims depending therefrom, are not anticipated by Reeder.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the rejection of claim 4 under 35 USC 103(a), as being unpatentable over Reeder in view of Oshima et al.

Claim 4 depends from claim 1 which for the reasons stated above is submitted to be patentably distinct over Reeder and, because there are no features in Oshima et al. that somehow could be combined with Reeder and result in the presently claimed invention, it is respectfully submitted that claim 4 is patentably distinct over Reeder in view of Oshima et al.

Entry of this amendment is earnestly solicited, and it is respectfully submitted that the amendments made to the claims hereby raise no new issues requiring further consideration and/or search, because all of the features of this invention have clearly been considered by the examiner in the prosecution of this application and because the present amendments serve only to further define and emphasize the novel features of this invention.

Favorable reconsideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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